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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN
SECURING LOAN OF POLISH ARTIFACTS FOR THE WORLD OF FRANKLIN AND
JEFFERSON EXHIBIT.

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1. CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI'S AIDE, MR. JAMES HEALEY,
VISITED POLAND DURING SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. AT THAT TIME
HE INFORMED THE EMBASSY OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S DESIRE TO
ARRANGE FOR THE LOAN OF SOME OF THE ARTIFACTS INCLUDED IN
THE POLISH SECTION OF THE FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON EXHIBIT SO THAT
THEY COULD BE DISPLAYED WITH THIS EXHIBIT DURING ITS 1976
SHOWING IN CHICAGO. MR. HEALEY SAID THAT CONGRESSMAN
ROSTENKOWSKI WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE
COSTS INVOLVED IN INSURING FOR SHIPMENT AND SHIPMENT OF
THESE ARTIFACTS TO THE U.S. COPY OF HEALEY'S NOTE IS
BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY.

2. AT THIS SAME TIME MR. HEALEY INQUIRED AS TO THE
AVAILABILITY OF PL-480 FUNDS TO COVER THESE EXPENSES.
MR. HEALEY LEFT POLAND BEFORE WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
INFORM HIM THAT NO SUCH FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE THROUGH
THE EMBASSY AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO SEEK SUCH FUNDING
THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON.

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3. ACTING UPON CONGRESSMAN ROSTENKOWSKI'S ORIGINAL REQUEST, WE HAVE NOW SOUGHT PERMISSION FOR THE LOAN OF THESE ARTIFACTS FROM THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ART ON THE BASIS THAT THE SHIPPING AND INSURANCE COSTS WILL BE COVERED BY THE CONGRESSMAN. PERMISSION HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY GRANTED, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT THIS IS ONLY A FORMALITY. WE HAVE ASKED THE MINISTRY FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE COSTS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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